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CONTROL OF ANIMALS AND PETS

1. **HISTORY.** This issue publishes a revision of this publication. Because the publication has been extensively revised, the changed portions have not been highlighted.

2. **PURPOSE.**

a. To establish local policies and procedures for the control of animals and pets on Federal properties under the jurisdiction of Fort Sam Houston (FSH) (to include Camp Bullis, Brooke Army Medical Center (BAMC) and the U.S. Army Recreational Area at Canyon Lake), hereafter referred to as the/this installation.

3 **APPLICABILITY.**

a. This regulation is applicable to all personnel and activities residing or located on the aforementioned Federal properties and military installations.

b. This regulation is applicable to all animals brought onto or maintained within the confines of FSH or onto properties under its jurisdiction.

c. This regulation is punitive in nature. Military personnel who violate established requirements may be subject to disciplinary action under the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) or other adverse administrative action. Personnel not subject to the UCMJ who fail to comply with the provisions of this regulation are subject to adverse administrative action or criminal prosecution as authorized by applicable section of the United States Code or Federal regulation.

4. **REFERENCES**

- a AR 40-905, Veterinary Health Services
- b FSH Regulation 40-17, Veterinary Care
- c DD Form 2208, Rabies Vaccination Certificate

5. POLICIES. The Commander, U.S. Army Garrison (USAG), Fort Sam Houston (FSH) can withdraw the privilege of allowing personnel to maintain or possess animals and pets on the installation. This may occur when the presence of these animals constitutes a threat to the health or safety of active or retired military personnel and their family members, civilian personnel, other animals, or if the animal is determined to be a public nuisance.

a. The only animals (excluding horses) that are allowed on FSH, are those belonging to residents of FSH, their guests, government-owned animals, animals brought on post for specific approved activities, and animals with appointments to be seen at the Veterinary Treatment Facility (VTF). All provisions of this regulation apply to the owner of these animals.

b. Owners or those in control of the animals are required to clean up any solid waste produced by their animals immediately and dispose in proper waste containers.

c. Animals are not permitted in troop barracks, government provided quarters for unaccompanied personnel, the guest house and adjacent playground areas, the golf course, athletic fields or courts, playgrounds in family housing areas, or MacArthur field. Recreational horseback riding is permitted only on trails designated by the Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Riding Stables (MWRRS). U.S. Army Caisson Horses may be ridden in those areas designated for training, at the National Cemetery, or on MacArthur field as part of their official duties. All other horses may be allowed on MacArthur field only as part of an MWRRS sponsored activity or as part of an official ceremony or function. All horses will be driven in a trailer between designated riding areas; they will not be ridden on roads or along roadsides unless these activities are part of official parades or ceremonies.

d. Animals are not permitted in public buildings (except those facilities designated for their care and use), except for handicap assistance animals, which may accompany owners without restriction as long as they are under physical control.

e. Personnel owning, possessing, or maintaining animals on this installation are liable for any damages to government or private property or injury to personnel or other animals that is caused by their animals. In the event that a registered animal becomes lost, dies, or is sold/given away, the original owner who registered the animal at the VTF will be held liable for any actions (i.e., damage to government property or injury to personnel or other animals) until the owner transfers the registration to the new owner through the VTF or informs the VTF that the animal is lost, dead, or sold/given away. If the animal remains on this installation, the new owner must register the animal at the VTF.

f. The owner of an animal that has bitten or scratched another person will fully comply with the quarantine procedures established in AR 40-905, Veterinary Health Services. The quarantine period for all animals will be for a minimum of 10 consecutive days from the time of the bite/scratch incident.

6. DEFINITIONS.

- a. Animal. Any domesticated or wild animal or pet
- b. Domesticated animals. Any animal or avian species normally used by man for purposes other than as pets (i.e. goats, cattle, swine, fowl, horses).
- c. Domesticated pets. Any animal species used by man for enjoyment, pleasure, or companionship when not bred or reproduced for financial profit. This includes cats, dogs, guinea pigs, rabbits, hamsters, gerbils, fish, aquarium animals, caged birds (except raptors and pigeons), ferrets, reptiles (except venomous species), and turtles (not exceeding 6 inches in length).
- d. Exotic animals. A special group of animal and other generally nondomesticated species.
- e. Wild animals. Any animal species normally regulated by state and federal laws and regulations (i.e., skunks, raccoons, squirrels, opossums, wolf hybrids).
- f. Public nuisance. Any animal that causes trouble, annoyance (via prolonged barking or howling), contamination of grounds with excessive feces causing an unsanitary condition, or damage to private or government property. This includes animals that serve as a source of ectoparasites and internal parasites that may affect the general public health, and animals that are found stray repeatedly.
- g. Stray animal. Any animal on the installation not under the physical control of its owner
- h. Animal owner. Any person who keeps or maintains an animal, has an animal in their care or custody, or permits an animal to remain on or about their premises for more than three days.

7. **GENERAL.** The Commander, U.S. Army Garrison, has granted the privilege of maintaining or possessing animals on FSH. This privilege is dependent on the animal owner's ability to ensure that their animal(s) can live harmoniously within the military community without causing a threat to the health or safety of personnel and other animals, and becoming a public nuisance or causing damage to private or government property.

- a. The privilege of maintaining or possessing an animal on this installation carries the responsibility for the owner or custodian to provide proper care for the animal and to effect proper disposition of the animal when the owner departs this installation.
- b. Privately-owned domestic pets and exotic animals are authorized to be maintained on the installation within the restrictions established herein.
- c. Domesticated animals (except horses), unless used in approved training,

research, government lease, or as a part of an approved organization, are prohibited.

d. Wild animals are potentially dangerous sources of injury and communicable diseases to humans and domestic animals. They will not be maintained on the installation except as part of an approved research project.

e. Exotic animals are potential sources of injury, damage to private and government property, and communicable diseases to humans and animals. They will not be maintained on the installation unless the Chief, Family Housing, grants a written waiver with concurrence by the Chief, Veterinary Services (CVS), or as a part of an approved research project. Poisonous animals (i.e snakes, spiders, etc.) will not be granted a waiver.

f. Ownership or maintenance of more than three pets (excluding caged birds, fish, and rodents) per household is prohibited unless waived in writing by the Chief, Family Housing.

g. Military quarantine regulations for preventing the spread of communicable diseases between horses are consistent with state and federal requirements and are designed for the protection of the resident horse population.

8. RESPONSIBILITIES.

a. The Chief of Veterinary Services (CVS), who is the Officer In Charge (OIC) of the FSH VTF will:

(1) Provide registration, microchipping and vaccination services to authorized owners of animals who reside on the installation.

(2) In coordination with Provost Marshal (PM) personnel, investigate allegations or complaints of animal abuse or neglect.

(3) Coordinate with activities desiring to conduct horse shows on government property, to ensure that the health records of animals participating have been reviewed, or health exams are performed.

(4) Provide animal care services as outlined in FSH Reg 40-17, Medical Services, Veterinary Care.

b. The Chief, Preventive Medicine Service will:

(1) Investigate situations where animals present a threat to the health and/or safety of installation personnel.

(2) Make recommendations to the Commander, USAG, regarding animal health/safety risks and their control.

c. The Chief, Family Housing will

(1) Notify in writing, all personnel inprocessing into family housing of the requirement to register their animals with the VTF.

(2) Consider waivers for personnel to maintain exotic animals on the installation. Waivers will be granted on a case-by-case basis, with the concurrence of the CVS.

(3) Consider waivers of the numerical limits of pets and animals discussed herein. Waivers will be granted on a case-by-case basis, with the concurrence of the CVS.

(4) Following approval by Commander, USAG, withdraw the privilege of owning or maintaining an animal from personnel residing in family housing when the animal in question constitutes the following:

(a) A threat to the health or safety of other personnel, as determined by Preventive Medicine Service, Provost Marshal, or Veterinary Services (VS) personnel.

(b) Presents a public nuisance to other family housing occupants as determined by VS and Provost Marshal (PM) personnel.

(c) Constitutes an economic loss or burden to the government (i.e., damage to physical structure and grounds). Owners are responsible for costs needed to replace or repair damage caused by the animal.

d Provost Marshal personnel will

(1) In coordination with VS personnel, investigate allegations or complaints of animal abuse or neglect.

(2) Capture stray animals found or reported on government property and transport these animals to San Antonio Animal Control for disposition.

(3) Capture any animal involved in a bite/scratch incident when the owner is not known or cannot be located. In addition, PM personnel may confiscate an animal as directed by the CVS where the owner has not complied with quarantine procedures.

(4) In coordination with VS personnel, investigate the circumstances surrounding bite cases, and report their findings to the CVS.

(5) Investigate complaints from animal owners whose animals are being provoked or antagonized.

(6) Issue warning letters to animal owners when evidence indicates a situation of an animal abuse/neglect violation under the Animal Welfare Act of 1970.

(7) Maintain a microchip scanner for use with stray animals apprehended on post.

e Animal owners residing in family housing will

(1) Register all dogs and cats, and exotic animals with waivers, with the VTF, building 2635, within 5 working days of arrival at FSH.

(2) Ensure that their animals are controlled at all times to

(a) Prevent the animal from becoming a nuisance or menace (to include barking excessively, or being excessively noisy) to other persons other animals or property on this installation.

(b) Prevent the animal from biting or causing injury to personnel or other animals

(c) Prevent the animal from running at large. Animals shall be kept on a leash at all times. Animals confined to a fenced area from which they cannot escape are not required to be on a leash.

(d) Ensure, while their animal is outside, that it will not create unsanitary conditions in public areas nor damage trees, shrubs, flowers or lawns. Animals are prohibited from being chained to trees and shrubs as this practice causes extensive damage to the plants, and may cause harm to the animal by restricting its movement, and preventing it from obtaining food and water.

(e) Maintain, the area in which the animal is kept, free of animal waste and other unsanitary debris. Solid waste (feces) can create other sources of public health concern, (i.e., fly breeding and attraction sites, zoonotic parasites, and infectious diseases). Feces must be picked up from yards, pens and stalls at least once a day. Owners must immediately remove feces deposited by animals in public areas.

(3) Provide protection for their animals from climatic conditions, i.e., shade from the sun, shelter from the rain, snow, and cold. Animals not cared for in this manner will be considered abused/neglected.

(4) Ensure that outdoor pets are in a fenced area. Dogs will not be tethered or chained. Animals will be provided a shelter of suitable size, which is large enough for the animal to stand and turn around freely within the shelter.

(5) Ensure that animals housed outside are housed in portable type units that will be removed when the owner clears quarters.

(6) Maintain the animal housing area in compliance with all sanitary regulations. The maintenance of the area where the animal is kept is mandatory, and is the direct responsibility of the owner.

(7) Upon receiving permanent or temporary change of station orders and clearing post, report to the VTF, building 2635, to obtain the health records of their animal/pets and clear this facility.

(8) Be responsible for the actions of their guests' animals. The sponsor (authorized occupants of family housing) shall ensure that the animal does not present a threat to the health or safety of other personnel or animals on this installation.

(9) Be responsible for the disposal of their dead animals. If the animal is registered at the VTF, the owner will advise VTF personnel, so that the medical record can be removed from the active file. Animals dying on this installation are subject to a necropsy if deemed necessary by the CVS.

(10) Animal owners will ensure that their pets are in accordance with the following animal health requirements for this installation:

(a) Dogs are required to be vaccinated for distemper, parvovirus, hepatitis, and parainfluenza on a yearly basis. Cats are required to be vaccinated for feline panleukopenia, calici virus, rhinotracheitis, and chlamydia, on a yearly basis. Dogs and cats are required to be vaccinated for rabies at four months of age, receive a booster vaccination 12 months later and every three years thereafter. Exceptions to these may be made for animal health reasons only by the CVS. Ferrets are required to be vaccinated for canine distemper and rabies annually.

(b) Dogs are required to be tested for heartworm disease on a biannual basis. Dogs testing negative for heartworm disease are required to receive some form of heartworm prevention on a year-around basis. Dogs that test positive for heartworm disease are required to be treated for the disease within a period of 90 days or be removed from post, to prevent spread of the disease to other animals on post. Exceptions to this may be made for animal health reasons only by the CVS.

(c) Dogs and cats that live on post are required to be microchipped with a microchip approved by the CVS and to wear their Rabies tags at all times.

(11) Owners will meet the basic needs for their animals including but not limited to:

Provide sufficient nutritious, wholesome food and water

Provide veterinary care when needed to prevent suffering

Provide humane care and treatment

(12) Liability insurance is recommended to cover damages that animals inflict on property or people.

(13) Litters will be disposed of before three months of age, unless written approval is received from the Chief, Family Housing, to keep more than three animals.

(14) The sale of animals for profit on this installation is not authorized, unless the Commander, USAG, FSH grant a specific waiver.

9 REGISTRATION OF ANIMALS.

a Small animals

(1) All cats, dogs, and ferrets (over the age of 3 months) that are maintained on this installation must be registered at the VTF.

(2) Written certification of Rabies vaccination is required for registration, and will be presented at the time of registration. An appointment will be made with the VTF to have required vaccines administered, or have the animal microchipped prior to registration, if needed.

(3) The registration will be recorded on DD Form 2209, Rabies Vaccination Certificate (a triplicate form), or equivalent (as provided by the FSH VTF). The animal owner retains the original and one copy. One copy is retained on file at the VTF.

(4) A registered tag will be provided to the owner and shall be affixed to the cat's or dog's collar. Collars will be worn at all times when the animal is outside of the owner's quarters.

(5) Registration of pets is required annually

b. Horses. Privately-owned and government-owned horses are discussed in paragraph 10, Equine, below.

c. Exotic animals. Authorized exotic animals maintained as pets on the installation will be registered with the VTF. A copy of the written waiver from the Chief, Family Housing, will be maintained on file at the VTF. Each exotic animal residing on this installation is required to have all vaccinations and preventive health procedures that are generally accepted by the veterinary medical profession. This will be determined by the CVS on a case-by-case basis.

d. Child Development Center (CDC). The CDC personnel will contact the CVS before any new animal is procured for the CDC. If the animal is authorized for procurement, a health certificate will be obtained from the FSH VTF before the animal is housed at the CDC. Each animal housed in the CDC will require an annual health certificate from the FSH VTF.

e. Transient Animals. Sponsors of animal shows, field trials, and other activities bringing animals onto the installation must notify the CVS not less than 30 days before such event. If deemed necessary by the CVS, transient animals will have written proof of required vaccinations or tests and a health certificate signed by a veterinarian dated within 10 days of entry onto this installation stating the animal is free of any signs of communicable or infectious disease. Sponsors must notify the CVS when there is a question as to the health of a transient animal.

10. EQUINE REQUIREMENTS

a Privately-owned horse quarantine

(1) Horses arriving at FSH for stabling must be physically examined by the CVS, a qualified Animal Care Specialist (91T), or designated representative trained by the installation veterinarian, before entering quarantine. All owners of equines that enter the installation to have them stabled must present proof that a negative Coggins test was performed in the last 6 months, and must present current vaccination records. Proof of a negative Coggins test must be on the U.S. Department of Agriculture Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) Laboratory Report (VS Form 10-11), as provided by the licensed veterinarian administering the test. Horses must be dewormed within 3 months of entering quarantine. Horses meeting the Coggins, deworming, and vaccination requirements, and who pass the physical examination will be allowed to enter the installation's general population following quarantine by the CVS.

(2) Those equine who do not meet the vaccination, deworming or Coggins requirements, or who are unable to pass the physical examination, will be held in the quarantine facility until such time as the above requirements are met or the animal is declared free of disease by the installation veterinarian. Animals that are obviously afflicted with a communicable or infectious disease will be denied entry into quarantine, and thus will not be allowed on this installation.

(3) All equine animals to be stabled on Fort Sam Houston will be quarantined for a minimum of 7 days if coming from out of state, or for a minimum of 3 days if stabled in Texas for 30 days prior to entering quarantine. Quarantine may be waived if the animal meets all of the following requirements:

(a) If the animal comes immediately and directly from stables on another military installation.

(b) If the animal was not shipped or stabled with other equine animals in route.

(c) The animal must have a health certificate less than 10 days old signed by a veterinarian.

(d) The animal must have a negative Coggins test less than 6 months old, has all required vaccinations within 12 months (6 months for Influenza and Rhinopneumonitis), and has been dewormed within the last 3 months.

(e) The animal must be examined by the CVS prior to entering the stable population.

(f) Animals in quarantine will not leave the immediate vicinity of the quarantine stalls nor contact other equine animals on Fort Sam Houston.

(4) A stall deposit will be required before the animal may enter the quarantine area. The deposit will be made to the MWR Riding Stables. A portion of this fee is nonrefundable. The remainder will be returned after the quarantine stall has been cleaned and passes inspection by a CVS representative or an MWR Riding Stables representative.

(5) Equine leaving the installation for less than 30 days for any reason to attend events, schooling, breeding facilities, etc., will return directly to the installation general stable population provided their Coggins test, vaccinations, and dewormings are current and they are healthy. Equine animals removed from the installation for 30 days or more must undergo quarantine upon re-entry to Fort Sam Houston, and must meet all requirements in paragraph 10a-1.

(6) All animals entering the installation for equine events shall be free of any signs of disease. All equine entering the installation will meet the requirements for interstate travel if originating outside the state. A licensed veterinarian will be present to perform a health check on all equine entering the installation for equine events.

NOTE: The licensed veterinarian may be either military or civilian. Costs of a civilian veterinarian will be paid by the owner of the animal or by the equine event organization. Every effort should be made to decrease contact between installation population equines and those present for events. This would include separate watering, exercising, feeding, and stable facilities, where possible.

(7) Owners of quarantined horses will be responsible for all maintenance functions, to include cleaning the quarantine stall and providing feed and water to the horses. Owners must provide their own equipment for feed, water, and stall cleaning while in quarantine.

(8) Horses entering from another state must have an official health certificate issued within 30 days prior to arrival. Documents must show that a licensed veterinarian performed a Coggins test and vaccinations, and that the horse is free from symptoms of contagious disease.

b. Owners of privately owned horses stabled on this installation who allow their horse's Coggins test to lapse over 14 days past due date (12 months, 2 weeks since last negative test) or failing to keep vaccinations and deworming current are subject to removal of the animal from this installation, and:

(1) Will pay the cost of any necessary vaccines or dewormings. Vaccinations, Coggins tests, and deworming services can be purchased from the VTF or can be obtained from a veterinarian of the owner's choice.

(2) Must provide records of vaccinations, tests, and treatments to the VTF within 7 working days from the due date as established by VS personnel. Failure to provide these records within the 7 working day period constitutes a violation of this regulation and will jeopardize the owner's privilege of maintaining a horse on this installation.

c. All equine animals stabled on this installation are required to receive a Rabies vaccination every 12 months, Eastern/Western Encephalitis and Tetanus (EWT) vaccination every 12 months, Influenza/Rhinopneumonitis every 6 months, and a West Nile Virus (WNV) vaccination every 12 months.

d. All equine animals will be dewormed at 90-day intervals or less Ivermectin or Moxidectin must be used at least every six months.

e. All equine animals kept on this installation are subject to testing and treatment by the CVS for any infectious or communicable diseases as deemed necessary by the CVS to protect the health of other equine on this installation.

f. Government-owned horses must meet the quarantine procedure outlined in this regulation and must meet the above vaccination, deworming, and Coggins testing schedule.

g. Any equine testing positive for Equine Infectious Anemia will not be allowed on this installation.

h. Any equine not in compliance with vaccination, deworming, or Coggins testing requirements in this regulation, or horses suspected to be afflicted with a communicable disease, will be considered a public health threat and may be quarantined from the general population by the CVS. In such instances, MWR Riding Stables personnel may transport horses to the equine quarantine facility, and the owner is required to care for the horse while in quarantine.

11. DISPOSITION OF DEAD ANIMALS.

a. Animal owners are responsible for the disposal of their dead animals

b. Dead animals (unlicensed/untagged) found on this installation will be removed by installation pest control personnel for disposal or (if involved in a bite incident) taken to the VS for testing.

c. Dead animals (with I.D. tags) found on this installation will be removed by installation pest control personnel and delivered to the VS for identification/notification of the owner.

12. VIOLATIONS

a. Stray animals

(1) Provost Marshal personnel will capture stray animals and transport them to San Antonio Animal Control as set forth in the contract between San Antonio Metro Health Department and USAG, FSH. Before transporting animals to the San Antonio Metro Health Department, PM personnel will scan for a microchip to identify those animals registered with the FSH VTF.

(2) San Antonio Animal Control will impound stray animals for 3 days if the animal's owner cannot be identified, and 10 days if the animal is

microchipped or has some other form of identification. This time period will allow the owner to claim the animal.

(3) Using microchip identification, Fort Sam Houston Veterinary Treatment Facility will attempt to contact owners of positively identified animals residing on post prior to the animal being taken to San Antonio Animal Control.

(4) The owner of the animal is responsible to pay all costs and abide by all policies for stray animals set forth by San Antonio Animal Control, before the animal will be released from impoundment.

(5) Any stray animal that is severely sick or injured when captured, will be taken immediately to the Fort Sam Houston Veterinary Treatment Facility for medical attention.

(6) If a terminally ill or severely injured stray animal is captured and transported to the VTF with no traceable identification, the animal may be humanely euthanized at the discretion of the CVS.

(7) When an animal becomes a nuisance on the installation, the owner may be issued a written warning or directed to remove the animal from the installation immediately and permanently. The Commander, USAG, will determine the appropriate action.

b Incidents involving animal bites.

(1) Incidents caused by antagonizing or provoking an animal are presumed to be the fault of the provoking individual. Sponsors are responsible for the actions of their family members and guests, and should be especially careful of the behavior and activity of young children so that incidents involving pets may be avoided. The animal's owner may lodge a complaint with the PM if their animal is repeatedly provoked or antagonized while the animal is maintained under control.

(2) An animal determined to have bitten without provocation indicates failure of the owner to maintain proper control. This includes bites inflicted upon guests invited to the owner's residence and premises. Such animals will be quarantined as determined by the CVS.

(3) Animals kept on the installation involved in a bite incident will be placed in quarantine at San Antonio Animal Control, at a locally approved civilian veterinary facility, or at the owner's home at the discretion of the CVS. Animals kept off the installation will normally be quarantined in a locally approved civilian facility.

(a) In-home quarantine. Animals placed on in-home quarantine will be confined at all times to prevent contact with other animals or with persons outside the immediate household. Animals will only be allowed outdoors to relieve themselves, on a leash, and under immediate supervision of an adult.

Violation of this quarantine will result in impoundment and quarantine at an approved local civilian quarantine facility. All animals placed on in-home quarantine must be examined by the CVS at the initiation of quarantine and at 10 days after the bite.

(b) Other quarantine. Animals that are not current on rabies vaccination or animals that are not in compliance with the home quarantine will be quarantined at San Antonio Animal Control, or in any locally approved civilian facility of the owner's choice, at the owner's expense.

(4) Animals determined to be highly aggressive, vicious, or a menace following a bite incident will be quarantined for the necessary period at the San Antonio Animal Control. Home quarantine will not be permitted. The CVS may recommend to the Commander, USAG, and the Chief, Family Housing, that the animal be removed from the installation.

(5) After completion of the 10-day quarantine period, animals will be vaccinated for Rabies prior to their release at the owner's expense when the rabies vaccination is not current.

c. Nuisance/menace, abused, or neglected animals.

(1) Any person may submit a written complaint to the PM or call the MP station at 221-2222 to report any of the following situations:

(a) Evidence of animal abuse/neglect in violation of the Animal Welfare Act of 1970.

(b) Animal is not controlled by its owner as prescribed in this regulation.

(2) Reported incidents will be investigated by the PM or VS personnel. The PM will issue a warning letter to the animal owner if the complaint is verified.

(a) The animal owner is required to reply to this warning letter within five working days regarding corrective action taken.

(b) The owner may be directed by the Commander, USAG, to remove the animal from the installation within 24 hours of receipt of a complaint that has been verified by either the VS or PM personnel.

(c) The owner will be notified of this proposed action and will be given an opportunity to present matters for consideration within this 24-hour period.

(d) If action is not taken by the owner to comply with the directive, the animal may, at the discretion of the PM or CVS, be impounded by PM personnel and transferred to San Antonio Animal Control. The USAG Commander will be advised immediately of this action.

(e) The impounded animal will be held for up to 5 working days pending legal advice or other determination. At the end of this period, the animal will be disposed of appropriately as directed by the CVS.

d. Care and maintenance of animals/pets.

(1) Pets transiently located (i.e. accompanying owner on shopping business, etc.) are not allowed on this installation.

(2) All pets will be provided adequate food and water, and those pets outside will be provided with adequate shelter and protection from climatic extremes.

(3) Any substantiated report of inhumane and/or inadequate care or treatment of animals maintained on this installation may result in the seizure by PM personnel and impoundment of the animal at San Antonio Animal Control.

(4) Mistreatment may result in the loss and revocation of any current and/or future animal-owning privileges on this installation. Examples of mistreatment may include, but are not limited to:

(a) Being left unattended in a parked vehicle during hot or cold weather

(b) Being left unattended in a parked vehicle for excessive periods of time while the owner is at work.

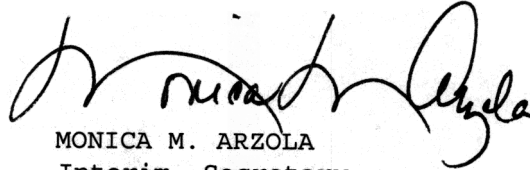
(c) Being confined for an extended period in a small cage (any cage of inadequate size that prevents the animal from moving around or lying down without comfort) without exercise.

(d) Deprivations of an adequate daily supply of fresh food and water or neglect of proper health care.

(5) Animals will not be abandoned by their owner upon departure from this installation, but instead, proper arrangements should be made, and the VTF must be notified.

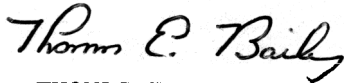
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